(c) Districts of West Godawari, East Godawari, Krishna, Guntur, Nellore, Vizianagaram and Prakasam have been identified in Andhra Pradesh for installation of Desalination Plants.

Development of horticulture in Southern States

1065. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICLUTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government during the last three years for the development of horticulture in Southern States;

(b) the target set for the plantation of different kinds of trees in Andhra Pradesh in 1988-89, district-wise; and

(c) the details of the steps taken to achieve the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Following Central Sector|Centrally Sponsored Schemes were sanctioned during the last three years for development of horticulture in Southern States:—

(i) Package Programme for Cashewnut Development.

(ii) Cocoa Development.

(iii) Integrated Programme for Development of Spices.

(iv) Contingency Plan for increasing production of vegetables in flood/drought affected districts.

(v) Assistance to Oil Palm India Ltd.

(vi) Establishment of Elite Progeny Orchards.

(vii) Schemes of National Horticulture Board.

(viii) Schemes of Coconut Development Board.

Besides, Indo-Dutch Mushroom Project has been sanctioned for implementation in Karnataka.

(b) and (c) Under the Central Sector| Centrally Sponsored Schemes districtwise targets are not fixed.

Statutory Service Rules for employees of District Rural Development Agencies

1066. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre have advised the State Governments to frame statutory Service Rules for the employees of District Rural Developmnt Agencies in the country;

(b) if so, what has been the response of the State Governments to such a proposal; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to allay their fears of an uncertain future?

THE MININSTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The Centre had initially advised the State Governments on 30th May, 1981 for considering formation of a regular cadre for the employees of the District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs). Recently this has been reiterated to the State Governments.

(b) Only the State Government of Rajasthan and the Union Territories of Pondicherry and Dadra & Nagar Haveli have so far adopted separate service rules for the employees of the DRDAs.

(c) The Centre has been advising the State Governments periodically for improving service conditions of the DRDA employees. Since the DRDAs essentially come under the jurisdiction of the State Governments and are govered by State rules, the State Governments are required to take necessary action.